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1. Election of officers

In accordance with rules 15 and 23 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the working group shall, at the beginning of the session, elect two Co-Chairs, who shall also serve as ex officio members of the Bureau of the special session of the Forum, as stipulated in paragraph 46 (b) of Council resolution 2015/33.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the working group shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

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3. Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

In its resolution 2015/33, the Economic and Social Council established the working group of the Forum and mandated it to submit its proposals on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of the same resolution for consideration by the Forum at its special session. Accordingly, the working group shall develop its proposals on: (a) replacement of the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (b) of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (United Nations forest instrument) with an appropriate reference to the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and; (b) the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020, consistent with section XI of resolution 2015/33. In developing its proposals, the working group shall take into account paragraphs 13 (b), 37, 38, 39 and 40 of the same resolution, the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group established pursuant to paragraph 48 of Council resolution 2015/33, as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Documentation

Report of the Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group established pursuant to paragraph 48 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 on the work of its first meeting (E/CN.18/2016/AHEG/3)

Report of the Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group established pursuant to paragraph 48 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 on the work of its second meeting (E/CN.18/2016/AHEG/5)

Proposals of the Co-Chairs on the United Nations strategic plan on forests for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020 (E/CN.18/WG/2017/2)

4. Adoption of the report of the working group

The working group shall adopt a draft report on the work of its session, containing proposals on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33. The report shall be available, in accordance with paragraph 50 of that resolution, for consideration by the Forum at its special session, which will be convened immediately upon the adjournment of the session of the working group.